

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended).

A piston engine, in particular a reciprocating internal combustion engine, comprising

- a working space controlled by main valves,
- a charge channel leading to at least one of the main valves,
- a region of the charge channel divided into at least two parallel charge channel paths,
- and at least one additional valve controlling that portion of the charge volume flow in each of the two parallel charge channel paths
- wherein

- ~~the additional valves are designed as rotary slide valves (4, 5, 9) rotating in one direction during operation of the machine,~~
- ~~the additional valves are configured as rotary slide valves (4, 5, 9) and each of them, by itself, uninterruptedly rotates in exclusively one direction during machine operation,~~
- ~~the volume flow of the main valves and additional valves (7, 4, 5, 9) on the other hand and the additional valves (4, 5, 9) with respect to one another on the other hand are adjustable so they are mutually variable in relation to one another.~~
- ~~the volume flow of the main valves and additional valves (7; 4, 5, 9), on the one hand, as well as of the additional valves (4, 5, 9) among one another, on the other hand, are exclusively coordinated with one another by means of varying the rotation of the rotary slide valves (4, 5, 9) relative to one another.~~

Claim 2. (Previously Presented).

The device according to Claim 1,
wherein at least two rotary slide valves (4, 9) are provided
and are connected in series in one of the parallel paths of the
charge channel (2).

Claim 3. (Previously Presented).

The device according to Claim 1,
wherein the rotary slide valves (4, 5, 9) rotate in
synchronization with the movement of the piston.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented).

The device according to claim 1, wherein the crankshaft of
the reciprocating engine serves as a driving source for the
rotary slide valves (4, 5, 9).